

LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS
RFP No. 5401-08-01
“Targeted Brownfields Assessment II”

LDEQ's answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposer questions. Questions and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

Question 1: Just wondering as a consultant why you would need the Hazardous Material License. This is for soil remediation. Looked on the contractors list and only 4 companies have it. I have a contractor's license and also a water well license, but not the Hazardous Material

LDEQ's answer: The contractor will be required to have any of the following:

- 1. Hazardous Materials Major Classification;**
- 2. Hazardous Materials Cleanup and Removal sub classification;**
- 3. Hazardous Material Site Remediation sub classification; OR**
- 4. Hazardous Waste Treatment or Removal specialty classification.**

Question 2: The RFP states that the contractor must hold a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License. Is it mandatory for the prime to hold this license, or is it acceptable for one of the subs that make up the team to hold this particular license?

LDEQ's answer: The subcontractor may hold the water well drillers license.

Question 3: Can you please tell me who the current incumbent is for the previous contract? Can you also tell me the estimated contract amount for this contract?

LDEQ's answer: URS Corporation. To ensure maximum competition and to receive the best price from potential proposers the estimated contract amount for this project will not be provided.

Question 4: Attachment 2, Section 4.1, page 8 indicates that the contractor should have a Louisiana State Contractors License with Hazardous Materials classification and a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License. Is utilizing licensed subcontractor for all drilling work acceptable in lieu of the prime contractor having the Water Well Driller's license in our name?

LDEQ's answer: Yes, it is not required that the prime contractor have the water well drillers license.

Question 5: Attachment 2, Section 4.1, page 8 indicates that the contractor should have a Louisiana State Contractors License with Hazardous Materials classification. There are several subclasses under this classification. Can you list those subclasses and verify that they are each also acceptable to meet the requirements of this RFP?

LDEQ's answer: See response to question 1.

Question 6: If a bidding contractor does not currently hold the Hazardous Materials classification, but can and will obtain one prior to final negotiations of a contract, will they still be considered responsive to this RFP?

LDEQ's answer: As stated in RFP Part III, Section 3.2.5 Company Qualifications and Experience, “A Louisiana State Contractors License with Hazardous Material classification and a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License should be submitted with the proposal.” License classification requirements are identified in question 1. Prior to award of a contract the proposer will have to provide proof of current license.

Question 7: Does the technician position require a 4-year degree?

LDEQ's answer: No.

Question 8: Sections 3.3(3)(a) and (b) on pages 4 and 5 of Attachment 2 require the measurement of each borehole to "plus or minus (\pm) 0.1 foot", and the measurement of surface elevation of each direct push core location, borehole, and monitoring well to "plus or minus (\pm) 0.01 foot (NAVD)". This requirement would seem to imply a survey is necessary at each site where these activities are performed, but there is no cost item for a Professional Land Surveyor (PLS).

- Is a PLS required to perform the survey and if so, should the PLS be identified in the proposal? In which labor category should the PLS be included?
- Is the surface elevation to "plus or minus (\pm) 0.01 foot (NAVD)" accurate? Standard practice is \pm 0.1 foot.

LDEQ's answer: The Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) is identified in the Technician Labor Category in Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions.

For the purpose of this contract, surface elevation shall be measured to the nearest 0.1 foot (see Addendum to this RFP).

Question 9: Attachment 4, Schedule of Prices II has a cost item for bulk asbestos samples on page 1, but there is no requirement for DEQ Certified Asbestos Inspectors in the RFP. Is it DEQ's intention to include asbestos sampling in the RFP, and if so, are Certified Asbestos Inspectors to be identified in the proposal?

LDEQ's answer: Asbestos sampling may be required in this contract. There is no requirement that the Certified Asbestos Inspectors be identified in the contractor's proposal. For the purpose of this contract, they are considered Technicians in Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions. However, all asbestos sampling shall be conducted by a Certified Asbestos Inspector.

Schedule of Prices I, Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions shall be amended to include surveying, asbestos inspectors, lead-based paint inspectors and field work for the Technician (see Addendum to this RFP).

Question 10: The RFP does not mention lead-based paint sampling and analysis. Is it DEQ's intention to include lead-based paint sampling in the RFP, and if so, are DEQ Certified Lead Inspectors to be identified in the proposal?

LDEQ's answer: Lead-based paint sampling and analysis may be required by this contract. There is no requirement that the Certified Lead Inspectors be identified in the contractor's proposal. For the purpose of this contract, they are considered Technicians in Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions. However, all requirements for lead-based paint inspections must be met.

Schedule of Prices I, Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions shall be amended to include surveying, asbestos inspectors, lead-based paint inspectors and field work for the Technician (see Addendum to this RFP).

Question 11: Regarding RFP No. 5401-08-01 referred to as "Targeted Brownfields Assessments II", there is a requirement for the Contractor to have a Louisiana State Contractors License with Hazardous Materials Classification. There are 3 different State of LA Specialty licenses that fall within this description: HazMat Site Remediation, HazMat Cleanup & Removal, and Hazardous Waste Treatment or Removal. Would any of these 3 licenses suffice to meet the requirement, or is it one license in particular?

LDEQ's answer: See response to question 1.

Question 12: I have a question regarding the Targeted Brownfields Assessments II RFP. In the RFP it states that the contractor should possess both a Louisiana State Contractor's license with Hazardous Material Classification and a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License. We hold the required contractor's license; however we do not have a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License. If we intend to team up with a drilling subcontractor is it sufficient that the subcontractor possess the well driller's license?

LDEQ's answer: The subcontractor may possess the water well driller's license.

Question 13: Table 2 of Attachment 4, Schedule of Prices I, "Labor Category Descriptions", does not provide the labor category at which field work may be invoiced. What labor category includes field work activities?

LDEQ's answer: Schedule of Prices I, Table 2, Labor Category Descriptions shall be amended to include field work for the Scientist; surveying, asbestos inspectors, lead-base paint inspectors and field work for the Technician (see Addendum to this RFP).

Question 14: Attachment 4, Schedule of Prices III, requests unit pricing that is inclusive of travel. Due to the variability of travel distances and the unknown number of samples to be collected per site visit, calculating travel on a unit price basis is not cost effective. Can a mobilization fee, either flat or distance based, be included in the proposal?

LDEQ's answer: No mobilization fee will paid for in this contract.

Question 15: Section 4.3 of the RFP states that the price evaluation calculation includes adding all prices in Schedule of Prices II as part of the calculation; however, for Oil and Grease, Total Dissolved Solids, Ignitibility, and Chromium VI, the directions state that a price for at least one of multiple methods must be entered. If a proposer is capable of performing more than one method, that proposer will be penalized by the price calculation. Should only one price for one method be entered, even though the proposer has the capability of performing more than one method?

LDEQ's answer: At least one price should be entered for one method but prices can be entered for each method. All analyses which are highlighted in yellow must have a price. LDEQ will add all prices in Schedule of Prices II and divide the sum by the total number of prices given to obtain an average price for Schedule of Prices II.

Question 16: Section 3.2.7 of the RFP states that all blanks on the Schedule of Prices must be completed; however, the last two blanks on Schedule of Prices III are grayed out. What should be entered in those spaces?

LDEQ's answer: Nothing should be entered into the last two blanks on Schedule of Prices III which are grayed out.

Question 17: There is no specific method listed for BTEX-GC or BTEX-GCMS.

LDEQ's answer: While there is no specific method to analyze only BTEX, some laboratories will, at a reduced cost, use a method which analyzes more parameters than BTEX but only report BTEX.

Question 18: The Federal Register has updated the List of Approved Methods in Tables 1 A, B and C of 40CFR136. Basically the rule withdrew 109 methods that were part of the "Methods for the Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" including methods such as pH by 150.1, TSS by 160.2, Chloride by 325 (all), Sulfate by turbidimetric (with the exception of using the ASTM procedure).

LDEQ's answer: The reference above is for methods used in the EPA water program. Analysis of sulfate, chloride, pH or TSS in will not be requested in this contract.